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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. PETER BOURNE  
FROM AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON THAI SEIZURE OF  
158.3 KILOGRAMS OF OPIATES

REF: A) BANGKOK 15705; B) STATE 141670

1. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, YOU WILL WANT TO  
REVIEW REF A, WHICH REPORTS THAT THAI POLICE SEIZED  
158.3 KILOGRAMS OF OPIATES, IN BANGKOK OPERATION JULY 15.  
122 KILOGRAMS OF TOTAL WERE #3 AND #4 HEROIN, WITH  
BALANCE IN MORPHINE BASE AND PREPARED OPIUM. SEIZURE  
WAS FOLLOW-UP TO ARREST ON JULY 14 OF IMPORTANT NARCOTICS  
TRAFFICKER FAN TZU-HSIANG (AKA KAO FAN), AND ARREST MAY  
LEAD OTHER MAJOR TRAFFICKERS TO LIE LOW FOR SOME TIME.  
WHOLE OPERATION WAS WORKED OUT IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH  
DEA, AND ALL CONCERNED DESERVE HIGHEST CONGRATULATIONS  
FOR WHAT IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE LARGEST SEIZURE OF OPIATES EVER  
MADE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

2. BANGKOK PRESS IS GIVING SUBSTANTIAL PLAY TO THIS  
MAJOR DEVELOPMENT. AS YOU CAN APPRECIATE, THAI BELIEVE  
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THEY ARE TURNING IN A FINE JOB ON SEIZURE OF NARCOTICS AND  
ARREST OF IMPORTANT TRAFFICKERS, WHO HAVE BEEN TREATED  
WITH LONG SENTENCES IN PRISON AND, IN ONE CASE, BY EXECUTION.

3. I BELIEVE THAT THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS  
TO PRIME MINISTER THANIN (REF B) WAS MOST HELPFUL IN  
PROMOTING AND MAINTAINING THE ATMOSPHERE OF CLOSE AND

CONFIDENT COOPERATION WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED THAI-AMERICAN EFFORTS IN THE NARCOTICS FIELD FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. IT WOULD BE TOO SOON, IN MY VIEW, TO SUGGEST THAT THE PRESIDENT SEND ANOTHER MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE THAI, IN CONNECTION WITH THE JULY 14-15 OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, THE ACHIEVEMENT WAS SO SUBSTANTIAL THAT I BELIEVE THAT CONGRATULATIONS TO THE THAI ARE IN ORDER. ACCORDINGLY, I RECOMMEND THAT YOU APPROVE MY SENDING A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO JUDGE PRAMUK SAWATDIMONGKHON, SECRETARY GENERAL OF NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD, ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

3. QTE ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT CARTER I WISH TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND YOUR MEN ON ANOTHER FINE EFFORT IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE OUTSTANDING RESULTS OF THE OPERATION BY THAI POLICE ON JULY 14-15, WHICH RESULTED IN ONE OF THE LARGEST SEIZURE OF NARCOTICS EVER RECORDED AND THE ARREST OF A MAJOR TRAFFICKER. I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT THIS OPERATION WAS DEVELOPED THROUGH CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD AND THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION. YOUR EFFORTS ARE PARTICULARLY APPRECIATED BY THE UNITED STATES, AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE A SUBSTANTIAL DIMINUTION IN THE ILLICIT NARCOTICS TRAFFIC AND SO TO LIFT THE BURDEN OF DRUG ABUSE FROM THE SHOULDERS OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. END QTE.

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